

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Tajikistan
Program Title:	Conflict Prevention
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	119-0240
Status:	New in FY 2004
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$780,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$62,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$718,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID's conflict mitigation activities are addressing conflict by identifying vulnerable communities, building consensus around sources of tensions, and then tempering those sources through community infrastructure and social projects. New community-based activities introduced this year are focused on economic development through vocational training and business development centers; community radio; and local government strengthening. USAID is addressing both the root and immediate causes of potential conflict through its conflict mitigation objective.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Community-Based Reconciliation Effort (\$780,000 FSA, \$62,000 FSA carryover). Conflict prevention activities have expanded to the northern Sughd Oblast and Tavildara in the Rasht Valley, focusing on collaboration between citizens, local authorities, and the private sector for the creation of sustainable jobs and infrastructure projects through microfinance, youth apprenticeships, business management services, increased access to information through the internet and community radio, as well as targeted infrastructure projects. Cross-border programs are targeting five new cluster communities in Sughd and Ferghana oblasts, facilitating cross-border problem-solving on issues of mutual concern. Initial Community Action Investment Program (CAIP) activities will be completed this year in Shaartuz, Kulyob, Rasht Valley, and Sagirdasht, with an emphasis on post-project sustainability. Principal contractors/grantees: Mercy Corps International (prime), Internews Network (sub), and the Urban Institute (sub).

FY 2006 Program: Improved Community-Based Reconciliation (\$718,000 FSA). CAIP follow-on activities and the Peaceful Communities Initiative (PCI) extension will be completed in FY 2006. During FY 2006, these programs will continue to build on community mobilization, trainings, and infrastructure completed previously through CAIP and PCI to foster sustainable community development projects and economic growth. USAID's cross-border cluster community work will focus on inclusion of local authorities and the private sector in community problem-solving and economic development to decrease tensions through enhanced employment opportunities, access to information, and limited infrastructure projects. In early FY 2006, USAID will assess conflict mitigation efforts to date as well as the need for continuing conflict mitigation work in Tajikistan to determine whether additional programming will be necessary. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Performance and Results: Conflict prevention activities focus on areas prone to religious extremism and instability due to poverty, unequal access to resources, and inadequate infrastructure and social services resulting from the civil war. Closed international borders in the north restrict trade, while southern border regions are exposed to the trafficking of fundamentalist ideology and narcotics from Afghanistan. Local authorities are resource-poor and have little capacity to solve community-driven issues. This year, USAID was active in 132 communities in Tajikistan, with over 840,000 direct beneficiaries through more than 510 completed social and infrastructure projects. Projects included 66 water supply projects, 50 rehabilitated schools, and

56 electrical transformer projects, as well as 156 social projects such as women's leadership training and social theater. An emphasis on women and youth as vulnerable populations resulted in women making up 30% of community investment councils, and youth-focused projects comprising 50% of the overall activity portfolio. The ability of communities to continue to solve projects without USAID assistance is evidenced by a 31% average cost share and 90 projects valued at \$99,000 implemented by communities themselves. Local governments participated in 94% of the infrastructure projects, enhancing the likelihood of long-term sustainability. The semi-annual USAID conflict poll shows tensions are easing in targeted communities, and that 72% of USAID-assisted communities have a high level of satisfaction in the delivery of social and public services, meeting USAID targets. By program's end, there will be an increased number of communities reporting lessened tension or resolved conflicts, strengthened community participation, and improved local services through community decisions.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Tajikistan

119-0240 Conflict Prevention	FSA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	1,436
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	1,436
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	1,436
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	62
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	780
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	

Obligations	842
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	718
Future Obligations	920
Est. Total Cost	3,916

